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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
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For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CHANGING THE PLAYBACK RATE OF RECORDED SPEECH**

Assigned to: Mitel Knowledge Corporation

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ **24** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
☒ **03** Sheets of informal Drawings  
☐ Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.  
☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)  
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations  
☐ Preliminary Amendment  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard  
☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority



Priority of Great Britain Patent Application No. 0228245.7 filed on December 4, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.



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The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No.



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Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

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General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)



Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SMC1P025).



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